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PRICE TWO CENTS

JUST ROOM

To jog your memory about our Clearance sale of

Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers and Suits,

IS NOW GOING ON.

If you are in a money-saving mood come to our sale.

JOHN McLAUCHLAN,

Boys' and Men's Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher, and Agent for the Campbell High-Class Clothing.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called to the Xmas Stock now being shown at the **BLUE FRONT JEWELRY STORE.**

Everything that one could wish in Jewellery, Optical Goods and Silverware, to be had here. Unique Designs and New Ideas, that will appeal to the Xmas shopper. A choice line of Solid Gold and Sterling Silver Goods. Now is the time to make your selection before the rush begins.

H. V. DALLING,

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Nothing succeeds like success.

THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO. IN 1902.

New business written,	\$6,082,336.00
Increase over 1901,	1,058,935.00
Income,	1,240,890.00
Increase over 1901,	177,249.00
Assets as at December 31, 1902,	4,406,329.00
Increase over 1901,	633,852.00
Insurance in force,	30,152,883.00
Increase over 1901,	3,013,952.00

Interest Income Alone Exceeded Death Claims by Nearly \$26,000.00.

The E. R. MACHUM, CO. Ltd.

T. A. LINDSAY,
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Spruce, Fir and Pine

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WE PAY CASH on delivery of the wood. One car or more taken from any parties.

For particulars and prices write to **Haley & Son.**

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

There is a story of an earnest, but unlitary, youngster in a book-shop to whom was confided the making of a catalogue. He got things mixed in a ludicrous way. For example, to take books, pamphlets and music sheets indiscriminately, he labored on and, not imaginative, could not see what a hash he was making of things. His spelling was poor but he used "ditto" very freely, as thus, under the letter L:

Lead Kindly Light—Newman
" Pipe—McGregor.
" Manufacture—Standard.
Parti Oyster—Pan-plet 8 vo.
" Adalina—with portrait, 2s
Morgan Pierpont—Life of
" attic, Marriages in Europe.

The Designer for February is a complete success from both the artistic and literary point of view. The cover is strikingly stylish, yet altogether in keeping with a fashion magazine, and unusual care has been devoted to the illustrations, of which there are several occupying each a full page. "The Annals of a Love," by Charles McIlvaine, and "A Day of Miracles," by Mary E. Fitzgerald, are short stories of interest, and "Some Royal Young People," by J. L. Harbour, will appeal to little folks and their parents as well.

TELL The Advertiser You saw his ad. in THE DISPATCH.

Both Gone.

Wonder where the Magnetic Healer is? While here he sailed under the name of Morrison. It was different in Baltimore, Md. We would like to put the gloves on with him to see whether or not he pays us \$17.77. Brother newspaper men of Maine, please assist us to locate him and we'll have seats assigned to you at the ringside.—[Houlton Pioneer.

It isn't the magnetic healer the Republican wants to find; it is a man named Ryan who was going to revolutionize the terpsichorean art in Caribou and very glibly ordered both job work and advertising for which he has never paid. As our bill is not quite so large as Brother Gilman's, we are willing to meet Ryan with one hand tied behind our back.—[Caribou Republican.

"Well, as 'Prof.' W. J. P. Ryan also struck us for printing, we insist upon acting as Bro. Pendall's substitute. Only one of our left-handed upper-cuts would be required to put him to sleep. Ryan is dark complexioned, perhaps 20 year old, about 5 feet, 8 inches in height, has a millionaire strut, claims to have done "local" work upon the Kennebec Journal, and has brass enough to stock a foundry. Printers, look out for him.—[Houlton Pioneer.

There are two or three newspapers in Woodstock who need this ladylike Ryan person for small amounts.

Carleton County Butter.

A country merchant in Carleton County speaks very hopefully of the dairy industry in this county.

Last week he sold over 1200 lbs of Carleton County dairy butter to a St. John firm at 18cts.

Out of fifty makers from whom he buys butter only six or eight make a poor quality and all the others make a pretty high grade of dairy butter. Of the fifty makers from whom he buys at least ten have cream separators.

The quality of butter made in this county has improved very much in the last two or three years. The Institute meetings have helped greatly to this end. The butter makers are more interested in their work, are reading and studying and are anxious to do their work better. The use of separators, better churns and other improved appliances in manufacturing as well as the use of the wax coated, parchment lined boxes for packing, in the place of the old fashioned tub, have all helped to improve the quality of the product.

The price of packed butter today in this county is 16cts. There is a great quantity of it yet in the hands of the makers which they holding for 18cts.

Death of Mrs. A. Birdsall Bull.

Mrs. A. Birdsall Bull died at her residence, Woodstock, on Sunday morning at six o'clock, after a long illness from paralysis.

She was about sixty years of age, the eldest daughter of the late H. M. G. Garden, Civil Engineer.

She is survived by a family of daughters, Mrs. Willard L. Carr of Woodstock, Mrs. Scovil Neales, Sussex, Mrs. George Clarke, Fredericton, Mrs. George Beckwith, Boston, and Miss Elizabeth Bull, a trained nurse, who has been devoting herself to her mother for the past two or three years.

Mrs. Wilmot B. Bulloch is a sister of the late Mrs. Bull and Henry, Charles, Arthur and Julius T. Garden of Woodstock, James Garden M. P. P. of Vancouver, and Herbert Garden, C. E. of Montreal are brothers.

Mrs. Bull was highly esteemed in the community, a helpful member of St. Luke's Church.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Luke's Church.

To Dam the Meduxnakeag.

At a meeting of the provincial cabinet last Wednesday F. B. Carvell asked the approval of the governor in council of the building of a dam across the Meduxnakeag by a company incorporated a few years ago for the purpose of developing electrical energy to supply light and power for the town of Woodstock. It was thought by the government that before approval of the proposition, public notice should be given so that any party affected or interested might appear before the government. The company, will, therefore give notice in the Carleton County press of their intention to make the application and the same will be heard at the next meeting of the executive, on the first Tuesday of February.

Mr. William Harrison an engineer of the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, was in Woodstock last week looking over the proposed site of the dam with a view to making a report to the government on the probable results of building such a dam, the amount and value of the land that would be overflowed by it, and on other matters in this connection.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

In the Council Chamber on Monday Night. The Annual Report Submitted. The Candidates in the Field.

The candidates now in the field for mayor and councillors are:—

FOR MAYOR:

James Carr.
John A Lindsay.

FOR COUNCILLORS:

J. T. Allan Dibblee.
J. T. Garden.
H. E. Burt.
I. E. Sheasgreen.
A. E. Jones.
Williamson Fisher.
I. W. Fisher.
T. A. Lindsay.
James W. Gallagher.
H. D. Stevens.

The Annual town meeting on Monday evening passed off quietly.

W. S. Saunders was made chairman and John P. Malaney secretary.

Mayor Belyea made his annual address, which was also his farewell address, as he is not a candidate for re-election. He discussed town finances in a general way, and expressed the opinion that they were by no means in as bad a condition as some carping critics had declared. He left the full and exact statement of the financial condition to Coun. Dibblee, who undertook that task in the absence of Coun. Garden, and he left the details of the different departments to the chairmen of committees.

He informed the meeting that the debit bank balance was only \$8302.60, after allowing for all checks out and all debts contracted during the year.

Coun. Dibblee then gave the financial statement which is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Sale of debentures.....	\$2000 00
Public health.....	1335 83
Rent of Engine House.....	48 00
Licenses.....	332 75
Poor farm.....	389 60
Police.....	47 00
Streets.....	91 00
Scales.....	75 00
Sewers.....	563 78
Scott Act.....	894 00
Town Hall.....	52 00
Water rates.....	5769 70
Taxes 1903.....	18341 03
" 1902.....	1737 07
" 1898, '99, '00, '01.....	880 48
Total.....	\$32566 04

EXPENDITURES.

Sewers.....	\$ 1,437 43
Assessors.....	150 00
Bridge Piers.....	595 84
Debentures.....	2,000 00
Electric Light.....	1,380 30
Fire Department.....	1,353 02
Fuel.....	1,667 86
Public Health.....	408 35
Interest Coupons.....	5,781 00
" Bank balances.....	460 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,126 78
Municipality Carleton.....	2,403 61
New Services.....	55 45
Poor Dept.....	1,076 26
Police.....	872 75
Printing.....	7 25
Streets.....	1,432 91
Scales.....	4 75
Salaries.....	225 00
Schools, current expenditure.....	5,200 00
" debentures.....	1,525 00
Scott Act.....	445 34
Town Team.....	585 20
Town Hall.....	39 88
" repairs.....	1,732 88
Water Works.....	3,339 22
Total.....	\$34,986 08

Bank balance Jan 11, 1903..... \$ 9274 85
Bonded debt..... 126,850 00
Checks issued (not paid)..... 640 00

\$136,764 85

Cash in hands of Treasurer since bank closed..... \$1612 25

Bank balance..... \$9274 85
Checks not paid..... 630 00

\$9914 85

Cash on hand..... 1612 25

Actual bank debit balance..... \$8302 60

The statement shows an increase in the bank debit balance since last year of \$3302 60 and an excess of expenditures over receipts of about \$2,141 79.

An explanation of this state of affairs from the point of view of the council may be given in the following extract from a letter from Coun. Garden which was read by Mr. Hartley to the meeting.

"Let me give you the position of our finance in a nut shell. At the beginning of the year 1903, when the present council took office we had a bank debt account of \$5000. Today it is \$10,000, in round figures. Without looking into this in detail you would quite naturally conclude that there had been great extravagance, and that we had increased the debt of the town by \$5000, without you having received any benefits. Is this true? No!

Of the \$5000 increase, \$1525, is for a check given to retire two 6% school bonds that fell due in August and December. The bonded debt has been reduced \$1525 and at the present moment your bonded indebtedness is \$126,850, instead of \$128,375, as it was a

year ago. Instead of paying 6% on the \$1525 you are paying the bank only 5 1/2 which makes a small saving to the town.

Now we have \$3475 of the increase in the bank accounts to account for. Can we do it? Let us see.

We paid extras on the town hall, (not assessed).....	\$ 535.00
We paid Scott Act bills incurred in 1902.....	332.00
We constructed Sewer at Hayden's Mill, (which may have saved the town costly litigation).....	337.00
We paid on account of schools (more than assessed).....	500.00
We paid for repairs to pumps and boilers at pumping station.....	1564.00
Now all these amounts.....	\$3318.00
Add to this the school bonds paid and the bank balance at beginning of year 1903, 5000.00	

And you have your bank debt..... \$9814.00
Now all these expenses mentioned were necessary, the town has received benefits, and not a single one of them could be avoided."

Coun. Dibblee in discussing the financial statement, beside referring to these unusual expenditures mentioned in Coun. Garden's letter, also called attention to an unusual but necessary expenditure of \$595.84 on the piers which carry the water mains over the Meduxnakeag.

He defended the work of the council. Said they had not been extravagant nor careless, but had administered the town's finances judiciously.

He advocated a new valuation of the town, a new method of assessment whereby incomes should pay a larger share of the taxes. He thought several of the town officers such as Superintendent of Water Works, town clerk and treasurer should be amalgamated and the officer should be paid a salary that would permit him to devote all his time to town affairs and do much work now done by chairmen of committees. Such a change should be the means of saving a good deal of money to the town.

The other councillors briefly gave the details of the expenditure in their departments.

When it got down to Councillor Jones, Chairman of the Poor Committee, he said that if re-elected he would, next year, keep separate the accounts of the poor farm and the expenditures made for out door relief, with a view to learning whether or not the poor farm was a profitable means of taking care of our poor.

He waded into the condition of town finances without gloves. He said the town was going behind every year and at this rate in fifty years we would not be able to sell our bonds. A change must certainly be made. When a chairman had spent his appropriation the Mayor should not sign another check for his department. The Mayor had signed many checks last year that he need not have signed. He advocated a semi-annual public meeting that the electors might keep in closer touch with town finances and curb the extravagance of the council.

James Carr, a candidate for the Mayorship, being called for, said he had been chairman of every committee of the council, and now he offered himself as a candidate for Mayor.

He condemned the expenditure on the town hall, as the finances were not in a position to stand it, but he quite agreed that the firemen needed and deserved the extra room down stairs for their equipment and the recreation room up stairs. He thought the finances of the town were in a deplorable condition and running expenses must be cut down.

Addresses were also made by James W. Gallagher, H. D. Stevens and I. N. Fisher, candidates for the council.

Wakeful Babies.

No baby cries for the mere fun of the thing. It cries because it is not well—generally its little stomach is sour, its bowels congested, its skin hot and feverish. This is often why babies are wakeful and make nights miserable for the parents. Relieve the little one and it will sleep all night, and let the mother get her needed rest as well. Just what mothers need for this purpose is Baby's Own Tablets—a medicine that speedily relieves and promptly cures all the minor ailments of young children. The experience of thousands of mothers has proved the truth of this, and among these mothers is Mrs. James Farrell, Banbury, Ont., who says: "I think Baby's Own Tablets the best medicine in the world for little ones. My baby was cross and gave me a good deal of trouble, but since using the tablets I could not wish for a healthier or better natured child."

Stronger praise could not be given, and the mother has a guarantee that the Tablets contain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers or sent post paid \$25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The undersigned is now in Woodstock, and prepared to buy country produce for which the highest price will be paid. Ware room in the old place, Drysdale building at end of bridge, if not there, in Burt's Hardware store. B. A. EVERETT.
May 13—tf.

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